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Official Reports

Bridgewater

New Hampshire

For Year Ending December 31, 1947

ANNUAL REPORTS

— OF THE —

Selectmen, Clerk, Treasurer, Road Agents, School Board, and Other Officials

— OF THE —

Town of Bridgewater

— FOR THE —

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1947

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TOWN OFFICERS

Town Clerk

ELIZABETH POLLARD

Selectmen

REGINALD MORRILL EVERETT E. ATWOOD

HOLLIS POLLARD

Treasurer

INA M. ATWOOD

Tax Collector

EDWARD G. MELLUS

Road Agents

ASHLEY BURBANK LAWRENCE MORRILL

Moderator

EDWARD MELLUS

Fire Warden

EVERETT E. ATWOOD

Police Officer

DELMORE BUCKLIN

Supervisors

ELMER WISER JANE COOK

MARIETTA GILPATRIC

Trustees of Trust Funds

FRANCIS CLEMENT HARRY SMITH

JOSEPHINE FLETCHER

Library Trustees

JESSICA WATROUS CHRISTINE GRAY

JOSEPHINE FLETCHER

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said Bridgewater on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Selectman for three years and all other necessary Town Officers, for the ensuing year.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for General Government.

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise $341.54 for Class 5 Highways T. R. A., and the State will contribute $1,366.15.

4. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of Class 5 Highways and Bridges. (Town Roads).

5. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow Removal and Winter Sand.

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $68.00 for the Lakes Region Association.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $26.00 for the Newfound Region Association.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for Old Home Day.

9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Protection.

10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Old Age Assistance.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for Blister Rust Control.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000.00 to pay the balance due on The Huber Maintainer.

13. To ratify and confirm the act of the Selectmen in borrowing twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500.00) on behalf of the Town in anticipation of taxes, which amount is to be payable from taxes for the year 1948 and the issuance of notes therefor, payable within one year from date of issue, with interest payable at the rate of (4%) per annum.

14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $15.00 for Memorial Day.

15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to establish and maintain a town dump.

16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to house Town Equipment.

17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs on the Town House.

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes and deliver inventory blanks when assessing.

19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $90.00 for Libraries.

20. To transact any further business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-first day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

REGINALD C. MORRILL,
EVERETT E. ATWOOD,
HOLLIS L. POLLARD,
Selectmen of Bridgewater

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

REGINALD C. MORRILL,
EVERETT E. ATWOOD,
HOLLIS L. POLLARD,
Selectmen of Bridgewater

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	
Town Hall	$ 1,200.00
Furniture and equipment	80.00
Libraries and equipment	200.00
Fire department equipment	150.00
Highway department equipment	5,775.00
Schools, land, building & equipment	3,200.00
	$10,605.00

Certificate

This is to certify that the information in this report was taken from the official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

HOLLIS L. POLLARD,
REGINALD C. MORRILL,
EVERETT E. ATWOOD,
Selectmen of Bridgewater

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948 Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year, January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947.

Sources of Revenue

	Actual 1947	Estimated 1948
From State:		
Interest and Dividends Tax	$ 75.73	$ 75.00
Railroad Tax	.11	
Savings Bank Tax	154.54	150.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	34.53	40.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	441.43	350.00
From Local Taxes Other than Property Taxes:		
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at $2.00	202.00	200.00
Total Revenues from all sources except property taxes	908.33	815.00
*Amt. to be raised by property taxes	$17,121.72	$19,588.47
Total revenues	$18,030.05	$20,403.47

Purposes of Expenditures

	Actual 1947	Estimated 1948
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries) Town Officers' Expenses) Election and Registration) Expenses	$ 1,196.08	$ 1,300.00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.		200.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police Department	25.00	25.00
Fire Department	73.50	75.00
Moth Extermination — Blister Rust	97.00	400.00
Health:		
Vital Statistics	1.00	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance: Summer	4,991.96	5,000.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	3,976.14	3,500.00
Town Road Aid	331.78	341.54
Libraries		90.00
Public Welfare:		
Old Age Assistance	227.40	600.00
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	15.00	15.00

Unclassified:		
Advertising and Regional Associations	26.00	94.00
Highways and Bridges:		
New Lands and Buildings		1,000.00
Payments to other Governmental Divisions:		
County Taxes	1,784.09	1,695.24
Payments to School Districts	5,285.10	6,067.69
Total Expenditures	$18,030.05	$20,403.47

* Total estimated "Revenues from All Sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total estimated "Expenditures" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes."

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

INVENTORY

Land and Buildings	$636,665.00
Growing Wood and Timber	13,250.00
Electric Plants	15,490.00
Horses 11	925.00
Oxen 4	450.00
Cows 47	5,925.00
Other Neat Stock 7	625.00
Sheep 10	100.00
Fowl 283	325.00
Vehicles 1	800.00
Portable Mills 1	2,500.00
Wood, lumber, etc.	4,550.00
Gasoline pumps and tanks	715.00
Stock in trade	300.00
Total valuation	$682,620.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	9,650.00
	$672,970.00
Taxes Committed to Collector	16,893.31
Added Taxes	316.76
	$17,210.07

Average rate percent of taxation for all purposes $2.44

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947

	Liabilities Forwarded From 1946	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Balance Unexpended	Balance Overdraft	Assets Forwarded to 1948	Liabilities Forwarded to 1948
Town Officers' Salaries	$	$	$	$	$ 650.00	$	$	$	$
Town Officers' Expenses					308.09				
Town Clerk's Auto Fees		1,100.00		1,100.00	58.75		96.08		
Election & Registration					46.10				
Town Hall Expense					95.24				
Annual Audit					37.90				
Police Department					25.00		25.00		
Fire Department		75.00		75.00	73.50	1.50			
Bounties					62.00			62.00	
Vital Statistics					1.00		1.00		
Blister Rust Control	100.00		3.00	103.00	100.00	3.00			
Town Road Aid		331.78		331.78	331.78				
Snow Removal & Sanding		2,500.00	2.23	2,502.23	3,976.14		1,473.91		

Town Maintenance		5,000.00	61.50	5,061.50	4,991.96	69.54			
Clearing Trees	290.26			290.26	214.25				76.01
New Equipment		2,000.00		2,000.00	3,285.50		1,285.50		
Old Age Assistance		225.00	202.50	427.50	227.40	200.10			
Old Home Day		25.00		25.00	25.00				
Memorial Day					15.00		15.00		
Temporary Loans			8,000.00	8,000.00	6,000.00				2,000.00
Interest on Temporary Loans					167.33		167.33		
Special Poll Taxes to State	96.00			96.00					96.00
County Tax		1,784.09		1,784.09	1,784.09				
School District	2,868.68	5,285.10		8,153.78	5,017.68				3,136.10
Dog Licenses Due School District	61.20		90.00	151.20	61.20				90.00
Dog Licenses-Over-remittance Due Town Clerk			3.00	3.00					3.00
Advertising & Regional Association		26.00		26.00	52.00		26.00		
Overlay-Abatement		101.12		101.12	141.33		40.21		
	$ 3,416.14	$18,453.09	$ 8,362.23	$30,231.46	$27,748.24	$ 274.14	$ 3,130.03	$ 62.00	$ 5,401.11

Comparative Balance Sheets
December 31, 1946 and December 31, 1947

ASSETS

	December 31, 1946		December 31, 1947	
Cash Balance,				
Treasurer	$ 4,871.13		$ 1,335.63	
Tax Collector			30.97	
Bounties Due from State	52.50		62.00	
Uncollected Taxes				
Levy of 1947			3,180.12	
Levy of 1946	1,067.64		10.00	
Levy of 1945	19.65			
Total Assets	$6,010.92		$ 4,618.72	
Net Debt			782.39	
Total Assets & Net Debt		$ 6,010.92		$ 5,401.11

LIABILITIES

Tax Anticipation Notes Payable				
New Equipment			$ 1,000.00	
General			1,000.00	
Unexpended Appropriation Balances				
Blister Rust Control	$ 100.00			
Clearing Trees	290.26		76.01	
Due School District				
Appropriation	2,868.68		3,136.10	
Dog Licenses	61.20		90.00	
Due State of New Hampshire				
Special Poll taxes				
Collected	96.00		96.00	
Uncollected	9.00			
Due Town Clerk			3.00	
Total Iiabilities		$ 3,425.14		$ 5,401.11
Net Surplus		2,585.78		
Total Liabilities		$ 3,425.14		$ 5,401.11

Summary of Town Clerk's Accounts
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947

		DEBITS		
Motor Vehicle Permits Issued				
1946-47 10412-10416		$ 11.45		
1947-48 12151-12200		153.12		
12201-12250		203.33		
12251-12300		73.53		
			$ 441.43	
Dog Licenses Issued				
1946-2 Licenses $	7.00			
1947-Nos. 1-22 and 31-35				
22 Males at $2.00	44.00			
5 Females at $5.00	25.00			
Nos. 23-30 Kennel	20.00			
		96.00		
Less: 30 Fees at $.20		6.00		
			90.00	
Total				$ 531.43
		CREDITS		
Remittances to Treasurer				
a/c Motor Vehicle Permits		441.43		
a/c Dog Licenses		93.00		
			534.43	
Less: Excess Remittance to Treasurer on Dog Licenses			3.00	
				$ 531.43

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ina Atwood

Cash Book Balance December 31, 1946	$ 4,871.13		
Receipts During 1947	24,071.41		
		$28,942.54	
Expenditures During 1947		27,606.91	
Cash Book Balance, December 31, 1947			$ 1,335.63

Edward G. Mellus—Tax Collector

Levy of 1947

Summary of Warrant

As of December 31, 1947

	Total	Property	Polls	Interest
DEBITS				
Taxes committed to collector	$16,893.31	$16,693.31	$200.00	$
Added Taxes During 1947	316.76	314.76	2.00	
Interest Collected	.75			.75
Total	$17,210.82	$17,008.07	$202.00	$.75
CREDITS				
Remittances to Treasurer	$13,935.40	$13,804.65	$130.00	$.75
Abatements	111.70	103.70	8.00	
Uncollected Taxes December 31, 1947	3,180.12	3,116.12	64.00	
	$17,227.22	$17,024.47	$202.00	$.75
Less: Excess Credits	16.40	16.40		
Total	$17,210.82	$17,008.07	$202.00	$.75

Edward G. Mellus—Tax Collector

Levy of 1945

Summary of Warrant

As of December 31, 1947

	Total	Property	Polls at $2.00	Polls at $3.00
DEBITS				
Uncollected Taxes December 31, 1946	$ 19.65	$ 4.65	$ 6.00	$ 9.00
	$19.65	$ 4.65	$ 6.00	$ 9.00
CREDITS				
Abatements	15.00		6.00	9.00
Unremitted Cash December 31, 1947	4.65	4.65		
	$19.65	$ 4.65	$ 6.00	$ 9.00

Edward G. Mellus—Tax Collector

Levy of 1946

Summary of Warrant

As of December 31, 1947

	Total	Property	Polls	Interest
DEBITS				
Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 1946	$ 1,067.64	$ 1,037.64	$ 30.00	$
Added Taxes During 1947	2.00		2.00	
Interest Collected	33.78			33.78
Total	$ 1,103.42	$ 1,037.64	$ 32.00	$ 33.78
CREDITS				
Remittances to Treasurer	$ 1,049.47	$ 988.14	$ 28.00	$ 33.33
Abatements	23.63	23.63		
Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 1947	10.00		10.00	
	$ 1,083.10	$ 1,011.77	$ 38.00	$ 33.33
Less: Excess Credits	6.00		6.00	
	$ 1,077.10	$ 1,011.77	$ 32.00	$ 33.33
Unremitted Funds December 31, 1947	26.32	$ 25.87		.45
Total	$ 1,103.42	$ 1,037.64	$ 32.00	$ 33.78

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947

RECEIPTS

Local Taxes:			
Levy of 1947:			
Property Taxes	$13,804.65		
Poll Taxes	130.00		
Interest	.75		
		$13,935.40	
Levy of 1946:			
Property Taxes	988.14		
Poll Taxes	28.00		
Interest	33.33		
		1,049.47	
			$14,984.87
State of New Hampshire:			
Interest and Dividend Tax		75.73	
Railroad Tax		11	
Savings Bank Tax		154.54	
Bounties		52.50	
			282.88
Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses:			
1946 a/c	6.60		
1947 a/c	86.40		
		93.00	
Registration of Motor Vehicles		441.43	
Recovery on Old Age Assistance		202.50	
Refund on Blister Rust		3.00	
Refund on Town Maintenance Overpayments		63.73	
			803.66
Temporary Loans			8,000.00
Total Receipts from all Sources			24,071.41
Cash on Hand, December 31, 1946			4,871.13
Grand Total			$28,942.54

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947

		EXPENDITURES	
General Government			
Town Officers' Salaries		$ 650.00	
Town Clerk's Auto Fees		58.75	
Town Officers' Expenses		308.09	
Election and Registration		46.10	
Town Hall and Buildings		95.24	
Annual Audit		37.90	
			$ 1,196.08
Protection of Persons and Property			
Fire Department		73.50	
Police Department		25.00	
Bounties		62.00	
Moth Extermination and Blister Rust		100.00	
			260.50
Health			
Vital Statistics			1.00
Highways and Bridges			
Town Road Aid		331.78	
Town Maintenance			
Snow Removal	$ 2,988.65		
Winter Sanding	987.49		
General	4,882.26		
Cutting Trees	214.25		
Point Road	54.00		
Withholding Tax	55.70		
		9,182.35	
			9,514.13
New Equipment			
Huber Maintainer (Bulldozer with lifting unit and plow)		3,047.00	
Sander		238.50	
			3,285.50
Public Welfare			
Old Age Assistance			227.40
Patriotic Purposes			
Memorial Day		15.00	
Old Home Day		25.00	
			40.00

Classified Summary of Receipts and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947

EXPENDITURES (Continued)

Indebtedness			
Temporary Loans		$ 6,000.00	
Interest on Temporary Loans		167.33	
			$ 6,167.33
Other Governmental Divisions			
County Tax		1,784.09	
School District			
1946 Appropriation	$ 2,868.68		
1946 Dog Licenses	61.20		
1947 Appropriation	2,149.00		
		5,078.88	
			6,862.97
Unclassified			
Advertising and Regional Association			52.00
Total Expenditures for all Purposes			$27,606.91
Cash on Hand - December 31, 1947			1,335.63
Grand Total			$28,942.54

Trustees of Trust Funds

Statement of Trust Fund Principal and Income

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1947

Name of Fund	Date of Creation	Amount of Principal	Income Activity: Balance 12-31-46	Income Activity: Earned During Year	Income Activity: Expended During Year	Balance 12-31-47	Principal & Income 12-31-47
Depository - New Hampshire Savings Bank							
Emerson Cemetery Fund	1-24-11	$ 300.00	$ 308.49	$ 12.36	$ 20.00	$ 300.85	$ 600.85
Old Home Cemetery Fund	4-1-14	500.00	572.69	21.44	27.50	566.63	1,066.63
Whittemore Point Fund	Unknown	500.00	448.91	19.17		468.08	968.08
Depository - Plymouth Guaranty Savings Bank							
Webster Cemetery Fund	9-16-99	50.00	38.83	1.69	18.00	22.52	72.52
Cross Fund (For Care of Webster Cemetery)	4-1-00	50.87	25.60	1.50*	3.00	24.10	74.97
Depository - Amoskeag Savings Bank							
John Batchelder Legacy Fund	11-29-38	500.00	42.26	22.00	10.00	54.26	554.26
		$ 1,900.87	$ 1,436.78	$ 78.16	$ 78.50	$ 1,436.44	$ 3,337.31

(*) Credited by Bank but not Entered in Pass Book as of February 4, 1948

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officers' Salaries

Edward G. Mellus, collector	$	155.00
Ina M. Atwood, treasurer		50.00
Everett E. Atwood, selectman		112.50
Reginald Morrill, selectman		112.50
Hollis L. Pollard, selectman		175.00
Elizabeth Pollard, clerk		50.00
Marietta Gilpatric, supervisor		15.00
Jane M. Cook, supervisor		16.00
	$	686.00

Town Officers' Expenses

Assn. of N. H. Assessors	$	2.00
John C. Ray, bonds		57.50
Record Print, Town Reports		126.64
Anna D. Proctor, transfer names		.20
Musgrove Printing, supervisors notices		1.50
F. J. Shores, transfers		14.10
Edson C. Eastman, supplies		27.65
Edward G. Mellus, expenses		25.37
Ina M. Atwood, expenses		2.50
Everett E. Atwood, expenses		15.00
Reginald C. Morrill, expenses		4.00
Hollis Pollard, expenses		20.41
Elizabeth Pollard, expenses		7.05
Marietta Gilpatric, expenses		5.35
Jane M. Cook, expenses		3.25
N. H. City & Town Clerks Assn., dues		2.00
N. H. Tax Collectors Assn., dues		2.00
State Tax Commission, audit		37.90
	$	354.42

Town Hall

Josephine Fletcher, cleaning hall	$	6.00
Edith Perkins, Sec. use of Grange Hall		10.00
N. H. Electric Coop. Inc., lights		18.00
Ashley Burbank, labor and materials		61.24
	$	95.24

Protection of Persons and Property

Bristol Fire Dept.	$	12.00
Ashland Fire Dept.		61.50
Delmore Bucklin, police officer		25.00
	$	98.50

Ashley Burbank, Agent—Summer Roads

Ashley Burbank, Agent, labor	$ 564.15
Ashley Burbank, truck	386.25
Alfred Burbank, labor	191.25
George Poirrier, labor	200.25
Leslie Martin, labor	278.00
Harold Beckley, labor	216.00
Creighton Gray, labor	70.50
Lawrence Morrill, labor	48.50
Lawrence Morrill, truck	21.00
Ira Morrill, labor	46.60
Beckley's Garage, gas	6.49
Wilder's Garage, gas	15.68
Al's Service Station, gas and tire for Pullford	14.12
G. A. Ober, gas and oil	30.46
Rand's Hardware, tools, bolts, etc.	15.93
New England Metal Culvert	127.07
Thomas Vaillant, blacksmith	24.50
E. E. Atwood, bridge planks	52.98
Farmers Grain Store, cement & spikes	5.65
C. H. Hinds, gas and oil	7.00
C. E. Farquhar, gas	2.20
Archie LaPlante, paint	11.00
Chase Grain Co., paint	27.00
W. B. Brown, tools	11.55
H. J. Follansbee, tools	4.25
Clifford Titus, grease	2.63
Raymond Gilpatric, sand	3.60
Raymond Tucker, sand	8.20
Wm. Telfer, sand	7.80
Total	$2,400.61

Summer Roads — Lawrence Morrill, Agent

Tilton Const. Co., compressor & dynamite	$ 124.20
G. Ober & Son, gas	1.19
Wallace Watrous, gas	2.32
Cavis Bros., tools	12.37
Chas. M. Fessenden, legal services	27.00
H. J. Follansbee Co., scythe & stones	7.45
Leslie Martin, labor	36.00
Everett Atwood, bridge plank	14.74
Henry Morrill, gravel	14.75
Wilfred Morrill, labor	15.50
Harry Smith, labor	12.00
Everett Morrill, labor	150.85
Ora Morrill, labor	3.00
Ira Morrill, labor	264.00
Lawrence Morrill, labor	507.70
Lawrence Morrill, truck	325.00
New England Metal Culvert	134.24
Fred's Auto Service, welding Pullford	9.15
Roy Woodard, sand	3.90
Ethel Emmons, gravel	4.75
R. S. Yeaton, bridge plank	33.96
Creighton Gray, labor	54.00
Lawrence Bucklin, labor	10.50
Leslie Tucker, labor	10.50
Freeman Patten, labor	13.50
Donald Morrill, labor	32.60
Walter Bucklin, labor	26.60
Ashley Burbank, labor	83.50
Ashley Burbank, truck	52.50
George Porrier, labor	18.00
Reginald Morrill, labor	70.50
Alfred Burbank, labor	54.00
Delmore Bucklin, gas and oil	68.15
Everett Atwood	38.00
Donald Atwood	11.70
Bertram Forbes	11.70
Total	$ 2,259.82

Summer Roads — Paid by Selectmen

Ray Road Equipment, grader	$	285.00
Murray Machine Co., hydraulic fluid		13.20
John C. Ray, insurance for Huber		25.50
Ray Road Equipment, culverts		33.97
Total	$	357.67

Point Road — Lawrence Morrill, Agent

Lawrence Morrill, truck	$	9.00
Lawrence Morrill, labor		9.00
Leslie Tucker, labor		9.00
Lawrence Bucklin, labor		9.00
Reginald Morrill, labor		9.00
Freeman Patten, labor		9.00
	$	54.00

Cutting Trees—Ashley Burbank, Agent

Ashley Burbank, truck	$	30.75
Ashley Burbank, labor		91.25
Harold Beckley, labor		92.25
	$	214.25

Sanding — Ashley Burbank, Agent

Ashley Burbank, Agent, labor	$	105.75
Ashley Burbank, truck		117.75
Alfred Burbank, labor		84.00
Pete Parris, labor		12.00

George Porrier, labor	66.00
Farmers Grain Store, shovels	7.20
Chase Grain Co., salt	53.25
Harold Beckley, labor	39.75
Raymond Gilpatric, sand	9.40
	$ 495.10

Sanding—Lawrence Morrill, Agent

Lawrence Morrill, labor	$ 75.00
Lawrence Morrill, truck	72.00
Everett Morrill, labor	65.95
Ira Morrill, labor	25.70
Reginald Morrill, labor	23.25
Chase Grain Mill, salt	36.75
Roy Woodward, sand	2.40
	$ 301.05

Ashley Burbank, Agent—Snow Removal

Ashley Burbank, labor	489.65
Ashley Burbank, truck	343.05
George Poirrier, labor	324.85
Alfred Burbank, labor	139.90
Harold Beckley, labor	141.00
Reginald Morrill, labor	7.50
Leslie Martin, labor	6.00
Atwood & Forbes, plowing snow	182.00
Bertram Forbes, Jr., labor	17.50
Donald Atwood, trucking tractor	3.00
C. Westberg Co.	55.35
Frazer's Hardware, chain, bolts	6.52
B. & M. R. R., freight	1.56
H. J. Follansbee, shovel, etc.	1.96
Clarence Robinson	6.00
Wilder's Garage	37.30
Farmers Grain Store, paint	15.45

Ashland Highway Dept.	6.00
E. E. Atwood, travel exp.	16.00
Rand's Hardware	2.50
Fred's Auto Service, grease	4.15
Frank Morgan, machine work	2.75
Bartlett's Garage, gas and oil	30.80
Caldons Service	3.83
Dick's Service, antifreeze	5.30
Lillian Young, fees	1.50
Raymond Tucker, 9 barrels	4.50
A. Burbank, antifreeze	5.30
G. A. Ober & Son, gas and oil	26.75
G. Avery, windshield for Huber	3.00
Jones Express, express chg.	.88
Grossman's, hard board	15.81
N. H. Motor Vehicle Dept. tax	14.00
Raymond Gilpatric	6.60
Chase Grain	5.05
	$ 1,933.31

Lawrence Morrill—Snow

Lawrence Morrill, labor	$ 118.50
Lawrence Morrill, truck	250.65
Lawrence Morrill, exp. on plow blade	1.40
Ora Morrill, labor	52.50
Ira Morrill, labor	15.00
Donald Morrill, labor	3.00
Reginald Morrill, labor	8.25
Jones Auto	33.65
Bartlett & Swett, welding	7.25
	$ 490.20

Summary of Snow Removal

Albert A. Cyr, welding	$ 53.55
Bartlett & Swett	44.13
Chas. A. Carr, oil	81.33

Jones Auto	32.60
R. C. Hazeltine Co., cutting edge	12.28
A. M. Flanders, tractor parts	82.13
Nathan Morrison, plowing snow	96.00
Ray Road Equipment, blades, etc.	140.81
John Marsh, insurance on tractor	22.31
Total paid by Selectmen	$ 565.14
Paid Ashley Burbank	1,933.31
Paid Lawrence Morrill	490.20
Total	$ 2,988.65

OLD HOME DAY

Cash on hand	$	32.55
Received from Town		25.00
Sales Committee		52.00
Evening Committee		5.00
Contribution		3.00
	$	117.55

Payments

Philip Spaulding, tuning piano	$	7.00
Record Print, 125 invitation cards		3.75
Prizes awarded in sport events		3.00
Plymouth Memorial Hospital Building Fund		55.00
Cash on hand		48.80
	$	117.55

MRS. S. S. FLETCHER,

Treasurer

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Cash on hand	$ 187.38

Payments

Christine S. Gray, care of River Road station	$ 10.00
Jessica Watrous, care Turnpike station	10.00
	$ 167.38

CHRISTINE S. GRAY,
JESSICA A. WATROUS,
JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER,
Trustees

Turnpike Station

January 1947 to 1948

Books in active use in library	93
New books added by gift	15
Loaned	
Adult fiction	110
Non-fiction	37
Juvenile	20
Borrowed from State via Bookmobile or direct	123

River Road Station

For use in library	75
From Bookmobile	60

Hill Station

For use	95
Loaned (open 2 mos.)	23

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

Whittemore Point Cemetery Fund	$ 968.08
Emerson fund for care of John Batchelder lot	564.26
Emerson Cemetery fund	620.85
Old Home Cemetery fund	1,094.13
Webster Cemetery fund	90.52
Cross fund for care of Webster Cemetery	77.97
	$ 3,415.81

Payments

For care of John Batchelder lot	$ 10.00
Emerson Cemetery	20.00
Old Home Cemetery	27.50
Webster Cemetery	18.00
Cross Fund	3.00
Balance in Savings Bank	3,337.31
	$ 3,415.81

FRANCIS W. CLEMENT,

JOSEPHINE H. FLETCHER,

Trustees of Trust Funds

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

February 16, 1948

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the Town of Bridgewater for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1947, and found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the town, together with the results of operations for the period under review.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director

Division of Municipal Accounting

State Tax Commission

Alan R. Matthews, Auditor

Kenneth L. Cowan, Accountant

FOREST FIRE PROBLEM SERIOUS

The year 1947 was one of the worst periods of drouth and forest fire occurrence in eastern United States history. Lack of water ruined crops, lowered water levels and dried up brooks everywhere. Three months of deficient rainfall and abnormally high temperatures resulted in many fires which were mostly well controlled and kept within bounds. Only the high winds beginning on October 23rd caused a few fires to escape beyond immediate control. These few fires resulted in burning some 15,000 acres and the loss of 63 or more buildings in four New Hampshire towns.

All October fires were costly. They burned deeply in the ground and required day and night patrol of large crews of men until the rains came late in October. Towns which escaped from serious fires might easily have been in the midst of the most serious conflagrations we had.

Governor Dale closed the woods effective at midnight of October 15th. With the blow-up of October 23rd, a second proclamation closed all back roads and authorized towns to inaugurate patrol. The effect of this was to cut down subsequent fires for the rest of the dry period.

Local fire warden forces performed an admirable job to hold the more than 200 fires that occurred during this October period. Many men were taxed to the utmost as the emergency continued. To them and all those who did their work, the people of New Hampshire owe a debt of gratitude. The state forest fire control agency based on local town wardens and town crews wherever adequately equipped rose to the occasion and met the test in whatever town their services were needed.

It is now time to take stock everywhere of our fire fighting facilities for the season ahead and to make them adequate where necessary. To this end town fire plans and training programs for wardens,

deputies and other key men in each district are being arranged or in progress. If equipment and tools are insufficient properly to equip the available man power in each community with the right tools for the job, they should be provided for at once. The yearly addition of fire tools to the town supply will generally need to be built up. The state sells tools to the towns and shares one-half their cost. Good equipment is important and can help greatly to keep both damage and fire costs at a minimum.

For many years we have requested our wardens not to issue burning permits except on rainy days. This regulation will be in effect again this year, as it is one of the best means of assuring such fires from getting out of control. Nine out of every ten fires can be prevented, 98 percent of all fires being due to human carelessness. Be sure to get a permit for any fire in or near woodland when the ground is free from snow. Be sure your fires are always out before you leave them. Help us in getting the travelling public to keep from throwing out lighted matches or cigarettes. Be careful of all fires in or near woodland.

GEORGE F. RICHARDSON, Jr.,

District Chief.

E. E. ATWOOD,

Forest Fire Warden Bridgewater

School Report

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Bridgewater qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Grange Hall in said district on the ninth day of March, 1948, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To see if the school district will vote to raise and appropriate $336.00 to be made available immediately for 1947-1948.

10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bridgewater this 23rd day of February, 1948.

ELIZABETH P. POLLARD,
DAVID B. DICKINSON,
BERTRAM T. FORBES,
School Board of Bridgewater

A true copy of Warrant—Attest

ELIZABETH P. POLLARD,
DAVID B. DICKINSON,
BERTRAM T. FORBES,
School Board of Bridgewater

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

District Officers

Edward G. Mellus	Moderator
Alice Dickinson	Moderator
Evelyn Gale	Clerk
Edward G. Mellus	Auditor

School Board

Elizabeth Pollard	Term expires 1948
David Dickinson	Term expires 1949
Bertram Forbes	Term expires 1950

Teacher

Mrs. Carrie B. Tibbetts	River Road

Attendance Officer

Mrs. Marietta Gilpatric

Superintendent of Schools

C. Maurice Gray

School Nurse

Mrs. Anna Lovett, R.N.

FINANCIAL REPORT

of

School Treasurer & School Board

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947

Treasurer's Report

Summary:

Cash on hand June 30, 1946	$ 30.73
Received from Selectmen	4,817.68
Received from dog taxes	127.82
Received from Selectmen, balance of previous appropriation	241.72
Received from all other sources	27.50
Total amount available for fiscal year	5,245.45
Less School Board orders paid	5,100.71
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1947	$ 144.74

ALICE B. DICKINSON,

Treasurer

Auditor's Certificate

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Bridgewater, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and find them correct in all respects.

EDWARD G. MELLUS,

July 22, 1947

Auditor

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPORT

Receipts:	
From Selectmen, appropriation	$ 4,817.68
From Selectmen, dog taxes	127.82
From Selectmen, balance of previous appropriation	241.72
From all other sources	27.50
Total receipts	$ 5,214.72
Cash on hand June 30, 1946	30.73
Grand Total	$ 5,245.45

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS, 1946-47

Salaries of District Officers:

Alice B. Dickinson, Clerk and Treas.	$ 28.00	
Bertram Forbes, School board salary	18.75	
David Dickinson, School board salary	18.75	
Elizabeth Pollard, School board salary	25.00	
		$ 90.50

Superintendent's Salary

Annie L. Remick, Treas. Supervisory Union No. 4		100.02

Truant Officer and Census:

Marietta Gilpatric		7.50

Expenses of Administration:

Bank service charges	$ 6.74	
Annie L. Remick, Treas. office expense	$ 50.00	
Edward E. Babb Co., supplies	1.70	
Musgrove Printing House, printing	3.40	
John C. Ray, Treasurer's bond	5.00	
A. H. Rice & Co., record forms	1.00	
Bertram Forbes, expenses	11.46	
David Dickinson, expenses	3.60	
Elizabeth Pollard, expenses	8.50	
Alice B. Dickinson, clerk expenses	3.97	
		$ 95.37

Teachers' Salaries:

Carrie B. Tibbetts	$ 1,102.00	
Collector of Internal Revenue	50.00	
Teachers' Retirement	48.00	
		$ 1,200.00

Text-books:

Beckley-Cardy Company	$ 11.86	
Laidlaw Brothers	5.13	
Charles E. Merrill Co., Inc.	3.38	
Hall, McCreary Co.	4.40	
Ginn and Company	11.16	
Bristol School District	.36	
Macmillan Company	1.51	
Row, Peterson and Company	4.57	
Encyclopedia Britannica	54.06	
		$ 96.43

Scholars' Supplies

Holden Patent Book Cover Company	$ .84	
Scott, Foresman and Company	.34	
Edward E. Babb Company	35.46	
World Book Company	2.61	
J. L. Hammett Company	23.82	
		$ 63.07

Flags:

Dowling School Supply Company	3.36

Other Expenses of Instruction:

Denoyer-Geppert Co., Globe	17.33

Janitor Service:

Carrie B. Tibbetts	25.00

Fuel:

Socony-Vacuum Oil Company	183.01

Water, Light and Janitor Supplies:

Edward E. Babb Co., supplies	$ 16.35	
John B. Varick Co., aerosol bomb	2.95	
White River Paper Co., supplies	24.62	
N. H. Electric Cooperative, Inc.	47.72	
David Dickinson	1.19	
Albert P. Blake	6.80	
		$ 99.63

Minor Repairs and Expenses:

A. J. LaPlante, painting school inside	$ 61.45	
Gledhill Brothers, blackboard	17.47	
Albert P. Blake	28.00	
		$ 106.92

Medical Supervision

Anna Lovett, R.N., salary	$ 46.30	
McCrillis Drug Co., supplies	.50	
		$ 46.80

Transportation of pupils:

Marietta Gilpatric	$ 1,219.00	
Mabel Huckins	514.00	
		$ 1,733.00

High School Tuition:

Bristol School District	$ 230.00	
Plymouth School District	575.40	
		$ 805.40

Elementary School Tuition

Bristol School District	175.00	$ 175.00

Other Special Activities:

Cardigan Sport Store, Utility ball		2.00

Insurance and other fixed charges:

Teachers' Retirement Board	$ 60.00	
Superintendent's Retirement	6.40	
John C. Ray, Insurance on schools	30.00	
		$ 96.40

Per Capita Tax:

F. Gordon Kimball, State Treasurer		60.00

Alterations of Old Buildings:

William Timson, labor	$ 25.40		
Albert P. Blake, labor	12.00		
Farmers' Grain Store, material	39.77		
		$	77.17

New Equipment:

Plymouth Fire Equipment Co., Extinguisher	16.80
Total Expenses	$ 5,100.71

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. The accounts are kept in accordance with Public Laws 1926, Chapter 68:22, and upon forms prescribed by the State Tax Commission.

ELIZABETH POLLARD,

DAVID DICKINSON,

BERTRAM FORBES,

School Board

COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

	Budget 1946-47	Spent 1946-47	Budget 1947-48	Estimate 1948-49
Salaries of district officers	$ 78.75	$ 90.50	$111.00	$ 77.50
Superintendent's salary	100.07	100.02	120.00	150.00
Truant officer and census	7.50	7.50	7.50	15.00
Expenses of administration	64.52	95.37	100.00	105.00
Teachers' salaries	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,800.00	2,200.00
Text books	30.00	96.43	40.00	40.00
Scholars' supplies	50.00	63.07	60.00	75.00
Flags		3.36		
Other expenses of instruction	5.00	17.33	100.00	100.00
Janitor service	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
Fuel	150.00	183.01	200.00	225.00
Water, light and janitor's supplies	35.00	99.63	35.00	100.00
Minor repairs and expenses	162.00	106.92	50.00	125.00
Medical supervision	50.00	46.80	60.00	60.00
Transportation of pupils	1,512.00	1,733.00	1,512.00	1,850.00
High school tuition	770.00	805.40	680.00	450.00
Elementary school tuition	180.00	175.00	260.00	300.00
Other special activities	10.00	2.00	5.00	5.00
Per Capita tax	60.00	60.00	44.00	68.00
Insurance and other fixed charges	85.00	96.40	114.00	85.00
Teachers, Nurse & Supt. Retirement				96.38
Alterations of old bldgs.		77.17		
New equipment		16.80	10.00	20.00
Totals	$ 4,574.84	$ 5,100.71	$ 5,333.50	$ 6,171.88

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1948-49

School District of Bridgewater

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1948.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools

	Elementary	
Teachers' salaries	$ 2,200.00	
Text Books	40.00	
Scholars' supplies	75.00	
Flags and Appurtenances		
Other expenses of instruction	100.00	
Janitor service	25.00	
Fuel	225.00	
Water, Light and Janitor Supplies	100.00	
Minor repairs and expenses	125.00	
Health Supervision	60.00	
Transportation of pupils	1,850.00	
Payment of Elementary Tuitions	300.00	
Other special activities	5.00	
		$ 5,105.00

Other Statutory Requirements

Salaries of District Officers	$ 77.50	
Truant Officer and School Census	15.00	
Payment of Tuition in High Schools	450.00	
Superintendent's Excess Salary	150.00	
Per Capita Tax	68.00	
Other obligations imposed by law or established by district	306.38	
		$ 1,066.88

Total Amount required to meet School Board's Budget	$ 6,171.88

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1948 (Estimate)	$ 25.00	
State Aid (December 1948 Allotment)	365.79	
Dog Tax (Estimate)	50.00	
Deduct Total Estimated Income		$ 440.79
Assessment required to balance School Board's Budget		$ 5,731.09

Bridgewater, N. H.

February 1, 1948

ELIZABETH POLLARD,
DAVID DICKINSON,
BERTRAM FORBES,
School Board

GENERAL STATISTICS

Enrollment by Grades

-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
1946-47	0	3	4	1	2	3	0	0	11
1947-48	2	2	3	2	1	2	2	0	14

District Totals

	Av. Att.	Avt. Abs.	Av. Memb.	% Att.
1946-47	13.31	.59	13.90	95.75
1947-48	13.2	.8	14.0	94.2

Number of teachers—one holding certificate, 2 year college graduate; one part time nurse, one part time clerk.

Visits: By superintendent 19; by nurse 9; by school board members 5; by citizens 33; school board meetings 5; days in session 177.

Tuition Pupils

Bristol Elementary—Rate $40.00

Paul Morrill	Grade 1
Marcia Jane Fowler	2
Robert Cook	5
Nancy Brock	7
Shirley Brock	7

Plymouth High School—Rate $121.17

Elizabeth Forbes	Grade 10
Leo Gilpatric	10
Maurice Jenness	11

Ashland High School—Rate $138.48

Clifton Willoughby	Grade 10
Mary Willoughby	12

SCHOOL CALENDAR—1948-49

Open	Sept. 8
Close	Dec. 17
Open	Dec. 27
Close	Feb. 18
Open	Feb. 28
Close	Apr. 15
Open	Apr. 25
Close	June 17

Days Out: Plymouth Fair; November 11, 12; November 25, 26; May 30.

Total number of days required by State Board on which pupils are in attendance is 180.

Pupils may enter the first grade provided they are 6 before Jan. 1.

Vaccination is required by state law unless child has written excuse from doctor.